

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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~~Process for preparing 1-butene copolymer and copolymer thereof.~~ 1-Butene Copolymers and Process for Preparing Them

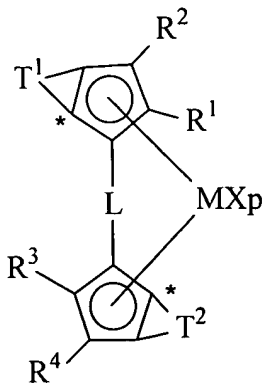
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This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/012944, filed November 14, 2003, claiming priority to European Patent Application 02080121.3 filed December 4, 2002, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/431,802, filed December 9, 2002; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2003/012944, European Patent Application 02080121.3 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/431,802, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

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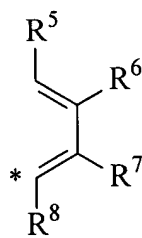
Abstract

~~A process for preparing isotactic 1-butene copolymers containing up to 30% by mol of units derived from of one or more alpha olefins of formula $\text{CH}_2=\text{CHZ}$, wherein Z is a $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{20}$ hydrocarbon group comprising~~ contacting 1-butene and one or more ~~of said~~ alpha-olefins under polymerization conditions in the presence of a catalyst system obtainable by contacting: (A) a metallocene compound of formula (I)

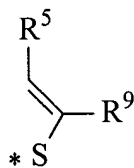


(I)

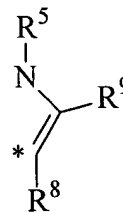
wherein: M is an atom of a transition metal; p is an integer from 0 to 3; X, same or different, are hydrogen atoms, halogen atoms, or an hydrocarbon group; L is a divalent bridging group; R¹ and R³ are hydrocarbon groups; R² and R⁴ are hydrogen atoms or hydrocarbon groups; T¹ and T², equal to or different from each other are a moiety of formula (II), (III) or (IV):



(II)



(III)



(IV)

wherein: ~~the atom marked with the symbol * is bound the atom marked with the same symbol in formula (I);~~ R⁵, R⁶, R⁷, R⁸ and R⁹, equal to or different from each other, are hydrogen or hydrocarbon groups; and (B) an alumoxane or a compound able to form an alkylmetallocene cation.